State/UT	Scrub
Tripura	150
Uttar Pradesh	1,170
West Bengal	109
A&N Islands	—
Chandigarh	—
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	12
Daman & Diu	—
Lakshdweep*	—
Pondicherry*	—
Total	57,211

*No discernible forest cover.

Deforestation for construction of Highway

†1005. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal regarding deforestation of 107 hectare of forest land for construction of Kotdwar-Kalagarh-Ram Nagar Motor highway in Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) by when the said proposal is likely to be approved; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal for diversion of 63.894 hectares of forest land for construction of Kotdwar-Kalagarh-Ram Nagar Motor road in district Pauri, Uttar Pradesh has been approved in-principle on 22.11.1999

Poaching of Tigers and Elephants

1006. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as reported in the Asian Age, (Delhi Age) of April 29, 1999, poaching of tigers and elephants in India is directly linked with a reach to lucrative market in Japan for the parts and products of these animals; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.